

## Message Text

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P R 041700Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 386  
INFO US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

EO 11652: NA  
TASG: BEXP GR XF  
SUBJECT: STATUS OF RTDO OFFICE

REF: A. 76 STATE 240340; B. 76 ATHENS 6451; C. ATHENS A-39

1. EMBASSY IS NOW PREPARING FINAL DRAFT OF COMMERCIAL ACTION PLAN (CAP) FOR FY '78 AND IS PLANNING FULL COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM (CCP) SUBMISSION FOR FY '79. ALLOCATION OF COMMERCIAL RESOURCES INCLUDED IN BOTH PROGRAMS IS BASED ON ASSUMPTION OF CONTINUED PRESENCE IN ATHENS OF REGIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (RTDO).

2. AS DEPT AWARE, ATHENS HAS DEVELOPED INTO LARGEST MARKETING CENTER FOR MIDDLE EAST, AND OVER 170 US FIRMS HAVE LOCATED REGIONAL BUSINESS OFFICES HERE (REF C). WE BELIEVE INCREASED VOLUME OF US REGIONAL BUSINESS VISITORS AND LEGITIMATE REQUESTS FOR EMBASSY COMMERCIAL SERVICES REQUIRE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF RTDO, INCLUDING ONE US POSITION AND TWO SUPPORTING LOCAL STAFF, AT LEAST THROUGH FY '79.

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ABSNECE OF RTDO PERSONNEL RESOURCES TO SERVICE REQUESTS OF REGIONAL US BUSINESS, IN ADDITION TO FUNCTIONS AS REGIONAL TRADE INFORMATION CENTER AND BACK UP SUPPORT FOR TRADE EVENTS IN MIDDLE EAST, WOULD REQUIRE CURTAILMENT OF EMBASSY COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS AND CAMPAIGNS OUTLINED IN CAP AND CCP SUBMISSIONS.

3. SINCE PRESENT ASSIGNMENT OF RTDO DIRECTOR  
EDWARD KINNEAR EXPIRES AUGUST 1977, UNLESS  
EXTENDED, AND EXTENSION OF RTDO PRESENCE IN  
ATHENS, AS AGREED IN REFS A AND B, IS ONLY  
THROUGH FY'77, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FOR  
PLANNING PURPOSES EARLY DEPARTMENT CONFIRMATION THAT  
RTDO WILL BE LOCATED IN ATHENS THROUGH FY '79.  
WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND RETENTION OF OFFICE FOR THIS  
PERIOD IN VIEW OF GROWTH OF ATHENS AS REGIONAL  
BUSINESS CENTER AND INCREASED RTDO WORKLOAD.  
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